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THE EXCHANGE QUESTION

It is high time that Canada wakened up to the legalized piracy that is going on with regard to the exchange of our money when submitted for the payment of debts in the United States. When public utilities in Canada have been promoted it has been the habit in the past to rush to the United States market for funds, and our wonderful hydro system has been the big sinner in this regard, with the result that today we are paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in exchange in addition to interest, and for which not one cent of value has been received by the users of electricity. If this country cannot go ahead with its public utilities it should postpone development until a market could be found that would appreciate the stability and value of the Canadian dollar. Notwithstanding the fact that Canadian investments are as far removed from speculative issues as it is possible to be, and the stability of our banking institutions, the financiers by juggling demand a premium upon what the country and its banking institutions have to offer The only way to combat these unfair conditions is to withold our offerings until such time as the purchasers are willing to accept payment in either Canadian or New York funds. Such an arrangement should enter into every sale of Canadian guaranteed bonds. The present condition of affairs has been instrumental in retaining many hundred thousands of dollars by Canadians who find it unremunerative to do business with United States firms. It is certainly a matter of chagrin to think that a nation which has suffered the extinction of over two hundred banks during the past year and the hardships intailed thereby in the case of thousands of depositors, can charge a premium on our Dominion protected money. As a set off against this condition of affairs in our neighboring republic not one bank failure has been reported in Canada for many years.

To illustrate how this nefarious exchange affects us locally we simply remark that in the case of hydro our small installation is charged up $19.-00 for the past month by the Hydro Commission as exchange alone, above and beyond the "at cost" allotment for service. Considering all these facts the Hydro or any other public commission which goes to the United States for funds should be placed in the limbo of back numbers and treated with the scorn it deserves by Canadian investors.

We have never yet heard a satisfactory explanation of why the American banks should treat Canadian funds as they do. Yes, we have heard many an explanation, but they all fall short of reason as figured out by the ordinary mind. But then perhaps ours is not even ordinary.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Oh, yes! It is said that Japan and China are not at war! That is probably quite correct—it is only Japan that is at war, and in her case it does not even take two to make a quarrel.

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The groundhogs appear to be suffering from some sort of bad dreams. From different sources far apart we learn of the unrest of th animal, who should be resting instead of wandering around the country. But perhaps it is sleep walking, and that they are dreaming of a "depression.

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According to news reports a representative of the Dominion government found out in New York that the recent Russian trade scheme was not a genuine offer. Should this not have been found right in government circles in Ottawa instead of New York? We all remember Premier Bennett's stand at the Economic Conference in Ottawa last summer, when he urged Britain to curtail trading with the Soviets. A lot of people seem to have been misled by somebody in this matter, and a lot of confusion has resulted.

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What is the political world coming to? Jim Hunter, the broadcaster for the Mail-Empire, has given Miss Macphail a clean bill of health, metaphorically speaking. In other words he has at last discovered that she is not of a masculine type, but on the contrary is intensely feminine, with a brilliant intellect, eloquent, and that providing the new C.C.F. movement becomes a factor in politics she is apt to become its leader in the House We have been wondering what penalty will be meted out to Jim by the Mail management for that candid outburst? We hope he will not be called in off the air. We like to hear his cheery "Good Wednesday morning everybody."

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A large Toronto department store submits in their advertisement the following sensible advice to all buyers: "Before buying, examine goods, compare values and buy wherever you get most for your money. Reading the ads. does help, but in addition you should handle the merchandise." This advice, coming from the source it does, is worth pausing to consider by the local purchaser. If the advice was complied with (and it ought to be) what would become of the mail order houses? The people should cease from their endeavor to maintain mail-order houses at the expense of retail merchants and common sense.

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A Toronto firm in a New Year advertisement announces that other towns and cities have dealt with them during the past eleven months to the tune of over six million dollars. Of this sum the town of Durham supplied $158,000. Thus there has been a steady flow of money Toronto-wards to the great detriment of the towns which supplied this trade. This $158,-000 if kept in circulation at Durham would have gone a long way towards easing the condition of affairs there during the past eleven months. Other towns and cities likewise. It is astounding how many people there are in this world who cannot see even as far as the end of their nose.

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While the League of Nations is coming in for some hard knocks these days for its apparent impotence, Japan has instituted a League of its own, known as The "Manshu mondia Kaiketsu Domei"—the League for the solution of the Manchurian problem. This League also may have very little to do with settling the problem. The almond-eyed junkers of Japan are proceeding to settle the question themselves by destroying Chinese cities and killing off the defenceless citizens. The Manshu-mondia Kaiketsu Domei should disband.

Dundalk Election Tangle Interesting

There will be no municipal election on Monday next in the village of Dundalk as the result of the granting of an injunction by His Honor Judge G. W. Morley, Local Judge of the Supreme Court, on Thursday, Messrs. M. W. Ridley, a candidate for the Reeveship, and S. J. Simmons, a canditate for the council, were the plaintiffs in the action brought before Judge Morley in Owen Sound on Thursday, and the defendants named were the Corporation of the village of Dundalk and G. H. Marshall, the village clerk.

The action arises from an error in connection with the qualification procedure. Messrs. Ridley and Simmons filed their qualification papers previous to the 9 o'clock on limit for presenting them. They were not accompanied by a statement from the Treasurer to the effect that these men had paid their taxes, and the result was that R. J. Russell was declared elected Reeve by acclamation and Messrs. A. D. McAlister, Thos Oliver, Frank Macintyre and A. C McDonnell elected at Councillors by acclamation. It developed later that in the case of a village election candidates do not have to present certificates to the effect that their taxes have been paid, and when this was ascertained Messrs. Ridley and Simmons decided to take action and took the matter before His Honor Judge Morley in Owen Sound. They were represented by Mr. J. F. P. Birnie.

The injunction states that no election can be held on January 2 in the village of Dundalk and the officials are restrained from taking any action toward holding another election before January 5th or until such time as proper procedure may be decided upon.

The injunction is a temporary one and is returnable at Osgoode Hall in Toronto on January 5th.—Sun-Times

See the big hockey game tonight.

St.Mary's Anglican Church

MAXWELL

Rector, Rev. Maurice F. Oldham.

Annual congregational meeting on Monday, January 9th at 2.30 p.m. The members are urged to endeavor to be present. Sunday school and service in the morning on January 15th.

Trinity Church, Proton Station

2 p.m. — Sunday school and Bible class.

3 p.m. — Evening prayer service and sermon.

"When they had opened their treasurers, they presented unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." St. Mathew 2: 11.

Impressions Of Southern States

It is difficult to get a mental rest—going to bed, even calling in a doctor does not guarantee it. While the body lies inactive the mind goes racing on.

With me a diverting "movie", an interesting book, a dance, a strange country or place is the best possible way of resting. Texas always seemed to promise change — new sights and sounds, and so recently I went to visit two cities, Dallas and Houston, in the largest state in the Union.

The weather was a bit disappointing, with St. Louis, Mo., providing almost exactly the same "brand" as Toronto. The trainmen encouraged me by saying that there would be no snow in Dallas, but there was, more than in many years. However, Houston, two hundred and fifty miles further south, made a coat unnecessary and steam heat in the hotel a misery. The delightful southern people were quite disturbed over the naughty pranks the weather played. They are weather-proud and days that are not balmy are unusual. The poinsettia made the gardens a glory before "the freeze." Sure enough, you all missed a sight," said one dear lady. But though I did miss the red Christmas flowers I saw narcissus blooming out of doors and a most effective table decoration in red and white, red candles in white holders at either side of a blood red glass bowl of white narcissus, all on a mirror. Speaking of the dinner table reminds me of the Texas yams and grapefruit which were very good—the southern cooking is all you hear "where every prospect pleases and only tea is vile."

Houston, a city of three hundred thousand, has become the cotton port of the South, and one of the greatest cotton ports in the world. At the moment more baled cotton is on the docks there than at any time in the past. A cotton authority told me that never before in any port in the world was there as much cotton ready for shipping.

That being true one is not surprised to read such editorial opinion in the Houston Press, as this: "American agriculture, in particular, is desperately in need of wider markets abroad. Our cotton and wheat farmers are in a serious plight, largely because of their inability to sell their surplus abroad. A debt settement that will enable them to sell a larger part of their production overseas will be an aid in restoring prosperity in America. . . . . If foreigners are to buy in this country."

The tornado and tidal wave in 1900 caused a flight from Galveston, which, until then, had been the port of the South. Real estate values fell. No action was taken by the city to re-establish confidence, resulted in trade turning from Galveston to the more enterprising city of Houston, which, although forty miles from the Gulf of Mexico, had a "bayou" or dry river bed, up which the Gulf waters backed. This was deepened into a ship channel and a turning basin made. To-day the ocean liners come right to the city of Houston, giving it a cosmopolitan air

Both the Houston and Dallas Forum audiences were deeply interested in the question of Canadian-American trade figures and were surprised to learn that Canadian imports from US.A. had dropped from nearly 900 million dollars in 1929 to not quite 300 millions in the year ending October 1932, while exports to U. S.A. dropped in the same period from 536 millions to 178. The value of the export of Canadian farm products raw and processed, to U.S.A., between 1921 and 1932 ending with June, fell from 159½ million dollars to 8¾ million dollars. Between these two dates came the Emergency Tariff, the Fordney-McCumber Tariff and the Hawley-Smoot Tariff, and our very high tariff relations.

The Forum's purpose is to present speakers who will open the way for intelligent discussion of movements in the fields of science, politics, literature and art, says the Houston Post.

The most interesting personality I met was Elmer Scott of Dallas, now not young, who was a social leader, a wealthy, fashionable man-about-town, giving dinners and parties which set the standard in his set, according to the statement of younger people. Fifteen years ago Mr. Scott decided such a life was not satisfying, retired from business, kept only a very little of his wealth and began quietly to gather around him people who were interested in thoughtful discussion of literature, music, art and drama. His spirit has not dominated but pervaded the whole community. He has encouraged the young men and women to express themselves. It was false, he stated, to wait to see what New York said about a play, a book, a social movement, an opera, before a person in Dallas could say what he thought or even know what he thought, and so this decentralization policy of the cultural life was carried on. A big old house and barn were bought by the Civic Federation, an organization which is the result of the bringing together of the Forum, the Little Theatre, the Art School, The Letters Club, etc. In this old bare house Elmer Scott lives with a colored man servant, who is cook, butler, housekeeper and chauffeur, all in one. The barn is a studio for art and music lovers. The main house has the library and offices, presided over by efficient young women, who love their work and are eager to help in building a new social order, which will insure an abundant life for all.

With Mrs. Sara L. Hughes, the only woman member of the Texas Legislature, a body of 150 members, I attended the Little Theatre to see a play "Wherever You May Roam," written by a Dallas man and played by Dallas people, and it was a very satisfactory play. I met a writer or two and had lunch with the artists. As we ate I was attracted to a very large picture on the bare wall facing me. It was an Ozark mountain scene futuristic enough to have clear divisions and richness of color, but still beautiful to the "lay" eye. The brilliant sunlight on the mountainside cheered and helped me. I said so, not knowing that the painter of the picture was sitting on my right Elmer Scott's face shone with pleasure that I should unwittingly encourage a man who needed it rather much.

Anyone who thinks money standards are the measuring stick for greatness should meet Scott wearing his old hat and threadbare coat waltzing jarntily along, carrying quite obviously, a happy heart and spending all his time in active goodwill toward his fellow man.

My three days in Dallas were an endless delight, in spite of a pickpocket gathering my $50. Often I have wondered how awful must be the sensation of not being sure one had enough money to pay for food and shelter, so after the $50 left I thought I would experiment and find out a little about it, With two cheques of considerable size drawn on a Texas bank in my pocketbook I started back with what was left in cash. Sleeping accommodation, meals, porters, and taxis had to be paid for, or done without. The first day a playright from Dallas, whom I had met, asked me to tea and dinner, that helped. I handled my own luggage The next day I ate one meal, breakfast, for 20 cents, griddle cakes, syrup and coffee, walked instead of taking a taxi, shoved breakfast on until mid-forenoon and found a lot of down and outs were doing the same thing; slept in an upper berth (was working too hard to go without) read papers other people had finished with. I spent my last $1 bill to send a wire from St. Louis to Byron Young of Brigden, asking him to meet me in Windsor, in order to get me to an afternoon meeting there on time. It had to be a straight wire and over ten words, never did I choose words so carefully. Finally, I arrived in Detroit and took a taxi to the tunnel bus, which brought me onto Canadian soil with just 54c, which I had carefully kept for a real breakfast. However Byron Young insisted on paying for the "sure enough" breakfast and I gave the 45c to the crippled children's fund. But that was all just playing. What must it be for those who grimly face want, and hopelessness day after day.

—AGNES MACPHAIL.

Ceylon, Dec. 30, 1932.

HEALTH by Frederick Tennyson M.D.

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REFUSES TO EAT

How many mothers, at one time or another, have exclaimed: "He won't eat!" Any one of these mothers, if she has an audience, will likely go on to explain what it is that her child will not eat, and usually concludes her tirade by saying that she cannot understand her child's attitude and that she does not know what to do about it.

The complaint is so general that we may presume it is not unusual for a child to refuse to eat. There are several reasons and any one of these may be responsible for the child's action. It is worth while to consider these reasons, as that is the only way to learn how to meet the problem.

All of us, adults as well as children, prefer the foods of which we are accustomed. If a child refuses a new food, he should not be forced to eat it. If this is done, it is almost sure to create in the child an active dislike for that food. New foods should be given in small amount; just a taste to begin with.

We do not feel like eating and we do not enjoy our meals if we are tired. The child should be rested when he sits down to eat. He should not come direct to the table from exciting play. A diet period should precede and follow meals.

We are more hungry on some days than others. It is not to be expected that the child will eat the same amount of food each day. A developing cold, or other illness, causes loss of appetite. It is better for the child that he does not eat more than he needs, or to eat if illness is coming on.

The child is grealy influenced by the attitude of the grown ups. When he takes his meals with the family, he will very likely refuse any food which he sees his father or mother refuse. This is not due to heredity; it is imitation.

Children desire attention; they enjoy being the centre of attraction. If they find they cannot attract attention by refusing to eat, they gain their objective. Care should be taken at all times to avoid showing the child, by word, look or acion, that his failure to eat is causing any concern.

The child's eating habits should not be discussed or referred to in his presence. At a much more early age than most parents realize, children are aware of and pay attention to the conversation that is going on about them. It is the worrying mother who creates many feeding problems because the child knows he can gain her attention by not eating and thus causing his mother to worry.

Those who are opposing the Soviet administration in Russia are taking desperate chances, and it means sure death if they are caught. In Russia they do not wait for a trial and a conviction, but the heads of the government just take them out and hang them. Such a system of government must come to an end some day, and when that time comes things are going to happen in Russia.

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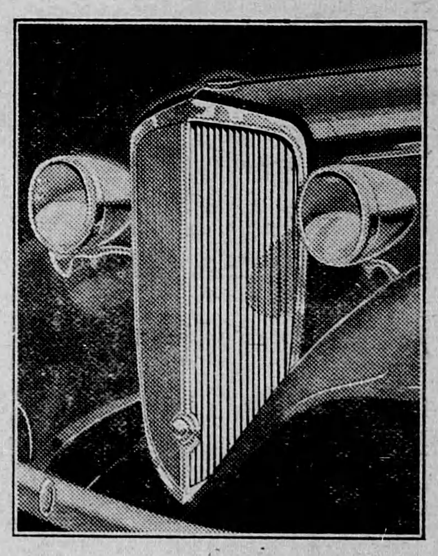

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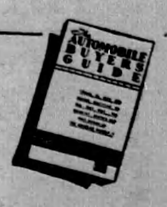

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